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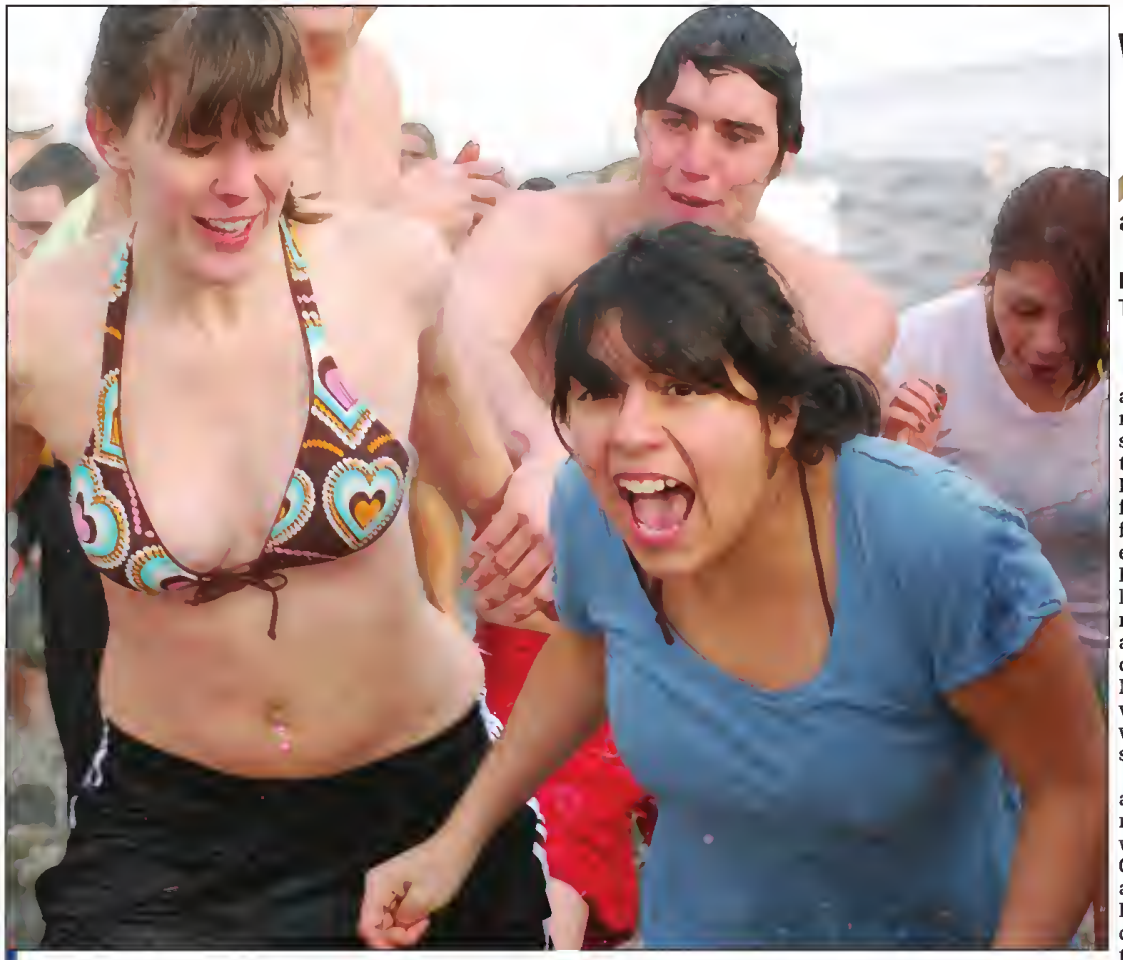

Crystal Beach resident Ellise McKay, left, and Monse Rivera, from the Greater Toronto Area, reacting to the icy temperatures of Lake Erie at the second annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Challenge at the Bertie Boat Club on Saturday. Go to pages two and three for more coverage of the event.

Judge says Town will pay

Court proceedings to be paid for by taxpayers, not applicant Bill Brunton

Kris Dubé
The Times

The judge presiding over the application for a manual recount into the mayoral race says court costs to date will be the responsibility of the Town of Fort Erie, not the applicant.Costs for the procedure are currently fixed at $3,400.After the Oct. 25 election, incumbent mayor Doug Martin defeated his challenger Ann-Marie Noyes by merely four votes and shortly after on Nov. 9 a recount was conducted. This resulted in Martin winning the race by five votes, but didn't mean the issue would come to a rest anytime soon.

Following the first recount and second declaration of mayor for Martin, an application was filed to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice by local resident and former councillor Bill Brunton, on behalf of Noyes' campaign and the matter went to court in Welland.

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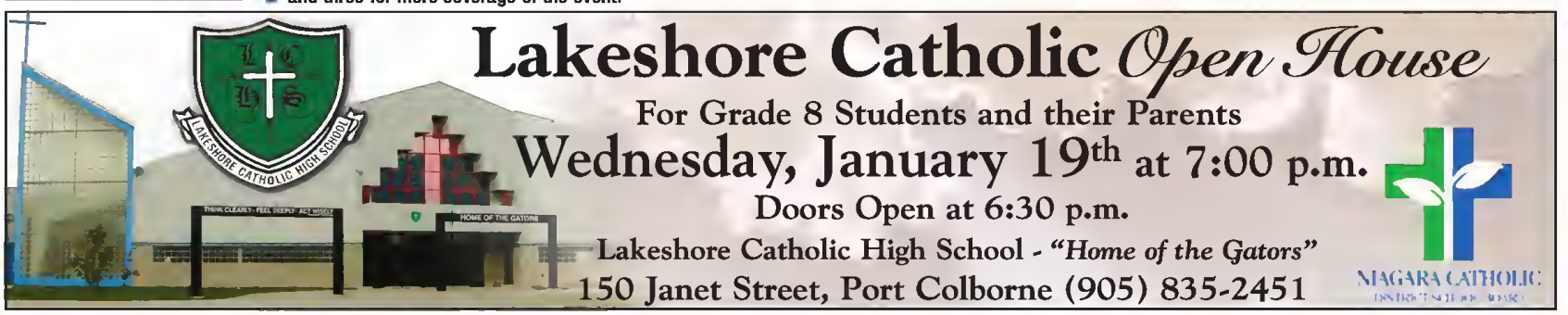

Moral support

Alanna Bell, Dave Potter and Travis Armstrong getting ready to take the plunge at last Saturday's Polar Bear Dip at the Bertie Boat Club.

A cold walk

Ridgeway resident Dalton McKee fights off the cold temperatures at the Polar Bear Dip last Saturday.

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Dippers take the icy plunge

Annual event raises about $1,200 for local charities

Kris Dubé
The Times

The temperature of Lake Erie was 34 degrees fahrenheit and the was air a crisp minus five.

For about 60 individuals last Saturday, these were ideal conditions to take a swim at the second annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Challenge, hosted by the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Area (CBIA).

Minutes before everyone took the plunge at the Bertie Boat Club on Point Abino Road, Crystal Beach residents James Scott and Terry Bacon could be overheard getting ready for the big moment together.

For Scott, it was something he had been waiting for all week and was excited to get his feet wet.

"I live for this stuff," he said while adapting to the cold in shorts and a T-shirt.

For Bacon, he said he was having second thoughts after his friend Terry convinced him to take part the night before over a couple of beers.

"This is utterly stupid, I'm not happy with him talking me into this," he said with a laugh.

> **"I knew I had to get in and out three times as fast as I could."**
>
> *— Adam Therrien*

Shortly after this, the whistle blew and participants headed into the icy waters as many people in attendance chose only to watch from the sidelines.

Those who entered the lake three separate times during the dip, were awarded with a certificate for their bravery and one of them was local resident Adam Therrien.

This is the second time he has taken a dip and said the adrenaline builds up as you get further immersed in the frigid waters, despite him having second thoughts for most of the time leading up to the big event.

"As soon as the water hit my chest... I said 'oh crap,'" joked Therrien.

He said spending as little time as possible out of the water after the first plunge was his game plan and knew that once he entered once, he couldn't just stop there.

"I knew I had to get in and out three times as fast as I could," he said.

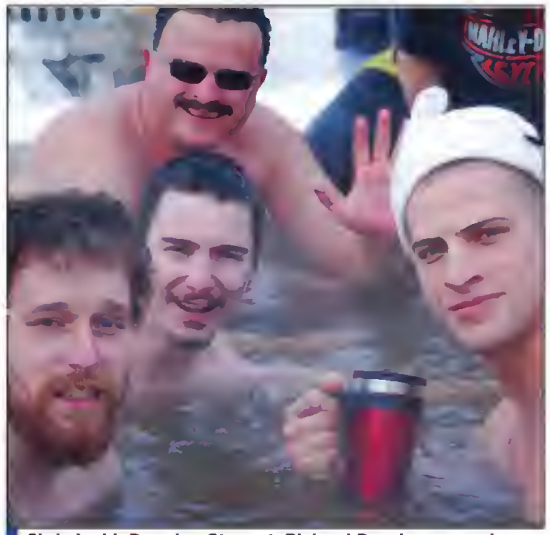
Phil Smith, one of the event's organizers and CBIA member, said the event was a huge success in its second year and hopes this will be an ongoing trend for many years to come.

"Hopefully this will continue to be a way to bring people into Crystal Beach and raise money for some great causes," said Smith.

"Everyone I spoke with said they had a really great time," he added.

About $1,200 was raised for a variety of local charities and local resident Dennis Randall was kinged "Chili King" for his recipe after about 200 people in attendance cast their votes for their favourite.

The CBIA would like to thank the Fort Erie Fire Department, Niagara Emergency Medical Services, the Bertie Boat Club and the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit for making it yet another safe and successful event.



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Gillespie told information requested could take two months

Judge says Brunton is a public interest litigant, therefore costs will be directed to Town of Fort Erie

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The judge did not dismiss the application but said the evidence presented on the 60 to 64 ballots being disputed that didn't register a vote in the mayor's race, was based on hearsay.

The Hon. Theresa Maddelena said she would allow for more evidence to be submitted.

This week, she announced that costs from the November hearing will be the responsibility of the Town of Fort Erie because Brunton is seen as a "public interest litigant."

Eric Gillespie, the lawyer representing Brunton, said it is his team's hopes that the new council will support the second recount, something the last group of local politicians didn't do as one of their final decisions at the end of their term. This will need to take place before Jan. 26, when the application will be back in court.

"The new council will have to decide whether or not to keep spending taxpayers' money, knowing that it seems highly likely the court will order a recount," said Gillespie on Thursday.

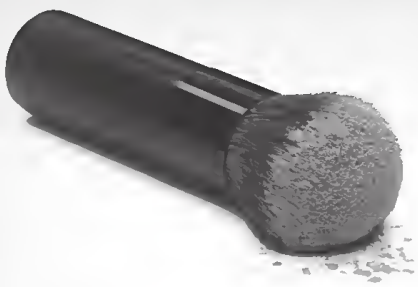
He also said a Freedom of Information Act request was submitted to the Town, asking for things like names of people who were present at the first recount, and a manual to the electronic vote tabulating machines that calculated the data.

Gillespie said the response he was given, was that it could take two months for this information to be provided.

"This response seems surprising to many people," he said.

"It will delay the process of determining the mayor's race for a much longer period of time."

The issue will be back in court in Welland on Jan. 26, according to Gillespie.



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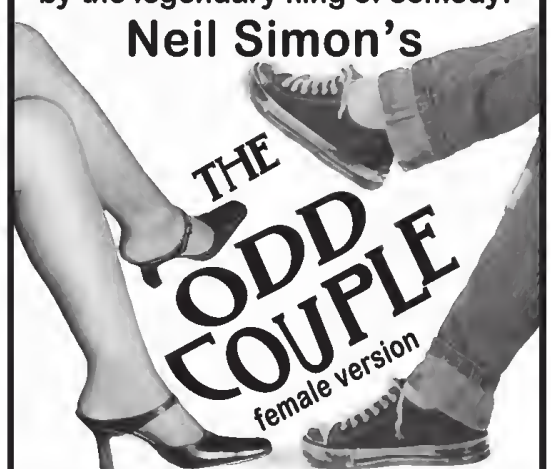

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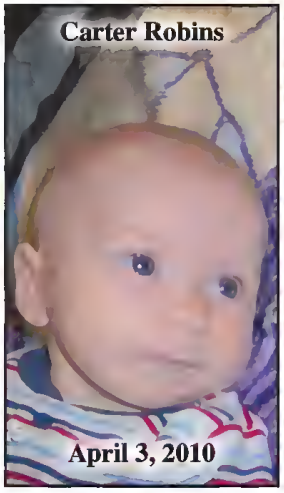
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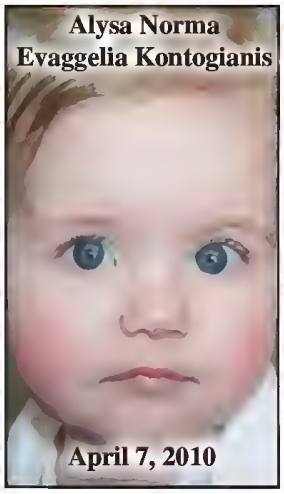
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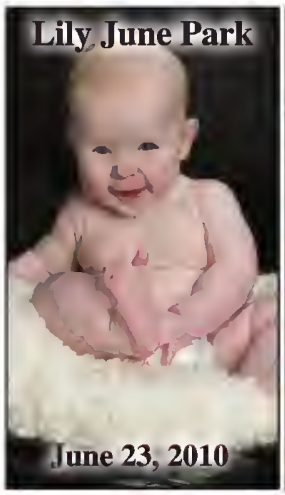
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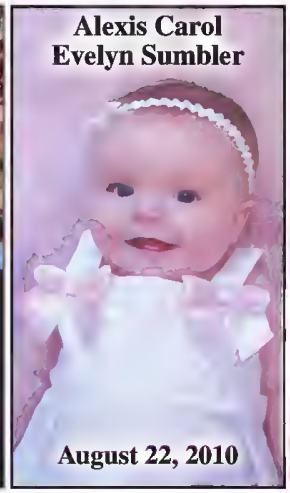
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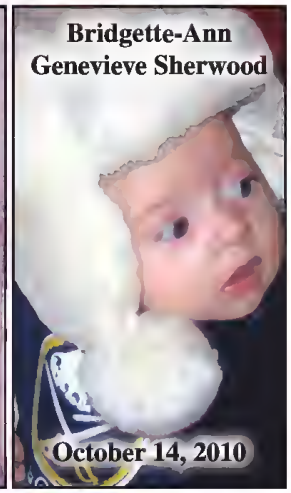
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our editorial

Snowmobilers need to be more responsible

In the summer, many local residents hit the Lake on their boats and jet-skis, as a way to relax and enjoy themselves on the open waters.

In the winter, many people tend to stay indoors and settle in with a book or good movie.

There are still some that have their toys this season, and many of them have created a concern for residents.

You will read a story on page 19 in this week's issue, about snowmobilers having very little consideration for pedestrians, especially in Ward 1, along the Niagara Parkway.

There are two sides to this story, we hope people will understand.

There are individuals who have owned snowmobiles for years and would never consider speeding past a helpless person and their frightened dog on a sidewalk. There are plenty of people who ride with respect for the people around them, and we want to make it clear that we realize this.

But at the same time, there seems to be a new generation of people interested in these machines and quite frankly they need a lesson.

Put yourself in the shoes of one of the people complaining about this issue.

How would you feel if you were going for a peaceful evening walk, nearly having your foot crushed by an ignorant snowmobile operator?

What would you say if when the snow melted, you realized your entire front lawn had been torn up and basically ruined?

Many snowmobilers might not realize what it is they are doing and are not intentionally frightening people or defacing property... we realize that.

But hopefully this editorial and the story in this week's issue will make some realize they need to take their hobby to an area of town where people are going to become upset.

We'd say some sort of by-law reconsideration needs to be brought up by the local government on this matter as well.

-Kris Dubé

Do You Remember?

Last week's photo sure brought back memories for a lot of people who were actually connected to the event. This was taken at the Kin-Kop charity hockey game held at the west end arena in 1975-76 . These games, pitting the local OPP detachment against the local Kinsmen clubs were held to raise money for the pavilion behind the Crystal Ridge library. They were organized by Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen life member Bill Cross, aided by Constable Jerry DeHeus. In the photo from left to right are: Wayne Newell Kinsmen Deputy-Governor for the Niagara Peninsula, and OPP officers Corporal Bob Smith and Constable Jerry DeHeus who was Captain of the team. A big thanks to Jerry DeHeus who walked into the Museum with the clipping, father and son team Nick and Mark Strugar (Nick emceed the game), mother and son team Betty and Mike Smith, Bill and Rolande Cross who used to work with the two officers and Joe Fazekas, tournament MVP as well as Aux Constable with the OPP. Thanks as well to our other callers Linda Grace and anonymous.

The community really rallied to bring the previous week's photo back from the "unidentified people" binder. This photo taken at the New York Cafe, Fort Erie shows owner Mrs. Stanley Joe with Jack Chew serving food in the early 1950's. Of course, Jack Chew went on to open Happy Jack's in 1967. Thank you to Roger and Barb Prince, Jack's son Alvin Chew, Don LeFurgey, Jim Kidd, Jim Barrett and that same anonymous caller.

Let's hope this week's photo also brings such a great response. We have two names on the back: Marlene Potts and Brenda Irwin. Does anyone who is who or where this photo was taken? Please call the Museum at (905) 894-5322 or send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca.

Letterman mentions Fort Erie during episode this week

Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

If I had to chose what side I was on in a battle between David Letterman and Jay Leno, the easy choice would be Letterman.

He is the king of variety television and has been for decades.

Jay Leno, in my opinion, is a hack who at times appears as if he has a team of 12-year-olds writing his jokes.

This has nothing to do with Fort Erie.... why is he writing about this?

This might be a question many readers are asking themselves right now.

The reason I bring this up, is because if you haven't heard already, little ol' Fort Erie made the Late Show with David Letterman on Monday night, in a segment called "Small Town News."

An ad that ran in the Shopping Times, our classified paper that is delivered to homes across Greater Fort Erie on Wednesdays, was featured in the episode.

Someone selling a 1997 Dodge Caravan for $1,200 included in their ad that the back seat of the vehicle was not part of the sale because it had been eaten by "garage mice."

I admit this is pretty funny and am thankful we didn't make Leno, because often in his similar segment, features typos and mistakes made in newspapers. This wasn't a mistake, just content that someone found comical enough to send off to the show.

Whoever this might be, there are no hard feelings, because it certainly has people talking and on a personal note, it's pretty neat hearing your place of employment and hometown both mentioned on one of your favourite TV shows.

opinion page

Council should support manual recount

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Fort Erie I am concerned about the obstructionist action of our Municipal Council in relation to the requested manual recount of votes from October's election.

This is not democracy in action.

Other recounts in the region have demonstrated that when a manual recount was done there were changes in the vote count.

The difference in the Fort Erie mayoral vote count was only 4 or 5 votes after the machine recount, but there were well over 70 ballots that didn't register any votes therefore I believe a manual recount of those particular ballots is definitely needed. Every vote needs to be counted no matter what the result.

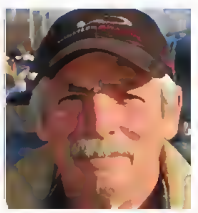
The Town has already spent a great deal of taxpayers' money disputing the request for a recount in court.

It is my understanding that the judge has said that the Town will be responsible for their costs in this case. To avoid further costs to the taxpayers of Fort Erie, and to promote democracy for the citizens, I propose that the present day council vote to no longer oppose the appellant and consent to the manual recount.

Connie Scott
Ridgeway

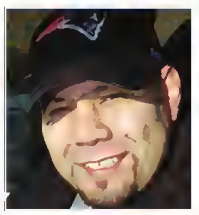
The TIMES Asks

Are you the type of person that hibernates in the winter, or do you enjoy spending time outside in the cold?



Joseph Lea

"I definitely spend a lot of time outdoors, both for work and leisure."

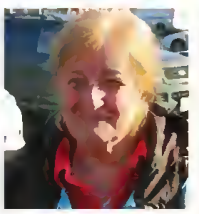


Mike Longboat

"I actually enjoy shov–elling. It's a great form of exercise."

Mike Comeau

"I definitely prefer staying inside. It's too cold out for me."



Bonnie Ruston

""I like it when it's like this, when it's not too hot."

What do you think?

E–mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905–871–3100, ext. 207

Reader very pleased with care received at DMH

Dear Editor,

On behalf of myself and family, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Kim Scher and the staff of Douglas Memorial Hospital (DMH) for the exceptional care I received during recent Urgent Care visits and my latest stay at the there.

Trips to both Niagara Falls and St. Catharines General Hospital proved to be frustrating ordeals, where I was processed in the system, treated like a number, and left to wait for hours before any treatment was administered. However, despite not being a full-service hospital site, I was provided swift, outstanding, personal care during my hospital stay at DMH.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Dr. Scher for taking care of me. His knowledge, concern for quality care, and compassion relieved the pain and anxiety my family and I have felt over the last few months. Dr. Scher does not just do his "job," but rather he treats his patients like they are real people. He was the only one who truly cared enough to help me, and his gentle, honest and professional treatment certainly helped to alleviate my distress.

The entire Niagara Health System and Canadian health care as a whole would do well to follow the lead set out by Dr. Scher and the DMH staff. They treat patients as people in their time of need and do so in a professional and understanding manner, making it ever so easier to face their future.

Sally Kowalski
Fort Erie

Column 'promotes hatred'

RE: Tom Wilkinson's column in the Jan. 12 Shopping Times titled "Do You Know What's Wrong with this Picture?"

Dear Editor,

As a matter of fact, I think I do. In my opinion your column promotes hatred. It is 2011 and people like you still are ignorant of Aboriginal People.

Aboriginal People have experienced the worst of federal policies--policies that were implemented to assimilate but generally made to transfer the most valuable land to non-Indian ownership. Of recent years, Aboriginal People simply stood their ground and said "no more". Now, all of a sudden they are lawbreakers when, in fact, it is the non-Aboriginal society that is the lawbreakers, and have been since first setting foot on this land.

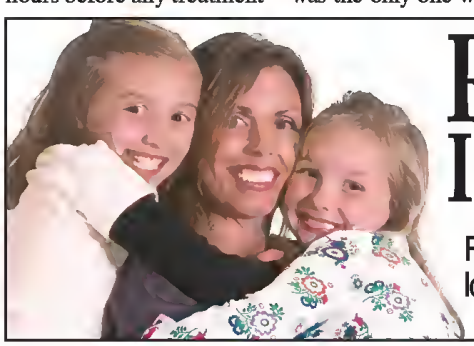
Aboriginal First Nations have a heritage to remember and preserve. Long before settlers came to this country, the Aboriginal First Nations had established union, independent self-government with a system of checks and balances in all aspects of public affairs. They lead a natural, carefree existance, by regulations of a a well ordered civilization.

This is what they are trying to protect and why shouldn't they. I don't perceive this as a crime or lawlessness.

The situation with the Muslim's was in relation to terrorism. Where is the correlation here with Canada's native people and Caledonia?

You need to appreciate the other side of the coin and also to educate yourself on the bigger picture when it comes to Aboriginal law and sovereignty.

Fran Hill
Buffalo, N.Y.



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The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.**

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(2) APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Notice is hereby given, for the term February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2015, that the undersigned will receive applications from residents, business owners/operators or taxpayers interested in serving on the below stated boards and committees of the Town of Fort Erie where appointments are still required.

For detailed information, there is an Information Sheet for each of the boards and committees and relevant by-laws available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under "Town Hall" "Committees".

The appointments are for a four (4) year term commencing February 1st, 2011. The boards and committees meet on a regular basis, usually once per month. All members to the boards and committees act voluntarily except members of the Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee.

(1) COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM COMMITTEE – Four (4) citizen appointee vacancies.
To implement various programs, initiatives, events, promotional and education activities that encourage community participation in the program.

(2) FORT ERIE CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Three (3) citizen appointee vacancies.
To provide advice and/or recommendations regarding the operation, care and control of the Town-owned cemeteries and mausoleum.

(3) FORT ERIE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – One (1) citizen appointee vacancy.
To advise and assist the Community and Development Services Department and Council with the management and conservation of the natural environment in Fort Erie.

(4) MAYOR'S YOUTH AOVISORY COMMITTEE – Four (4) youth vacancies - ages 13-21.
To plan and advise Council on youth related issues. Interested applicants are requested to contact Ben McDermott at the YMCA directly to obtain an application: Telephone: 905-871-9622 ext. 233 or email: bmcdermott@ymcaofniagara.ca

(5) MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE – Four (4) citizen appointee vacancies.
To promote awareness of Fort Erie's cultural heritage within and outside the boundaries of the Town focusing on Museum Services and Built Heritage. This committee will be comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) to manage and operate the Town's museum facilities; and (2) to advise Council with respect to matters relating to the conservation of built heritage. (Museum Board, Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and Point Abino Lighthouse Advisory Committee recently merged to form this new Committee).

(6) SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Three (3) community representatives at large.
To establish a mechanism to fairly and equitably distribute financial assistance provided by the Town of Fort Erie to "Assist the Aged", to determine the need for increased senior citizen services and to assist in establishing mechanisms to adopt recommendations.

Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Public Notices – Appointment to Boards and Committees or available in the Clerk's Office. Please state clearly your name, address, postal code, telephone number, email address, choice of board and committee for consideration of appointment thereto and any other relevant background information, including experience and credentials, **will be received by the undersigned up to and including Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6
Applications can also be Emailed to ckett@forterie.on.ca.

Lung disease clinic offered at Douglas Memorial

Beginning this week, a new outpatient clinic is being offered at the Douglas Memorial Site for patients with chronic lung disease and asthma.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is among the leading causes of hospitalization of Fort Erie and area men and women aged 65 and over. COPD is a long-term lung disease and includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema. It slowly damages the airways, making it hard to breathe, like asthma.

The clinic will operate every other Tuesday. A Registered Respiratory Therapist will be available to provide assessments, perform diagnostic tests and provide education to adult patients suffering from COPD and to adults and/or children with asthma. A Respirologist physician will also be available at each clinic to consult with new patients.

"This is a valuable service for patients in the area who require ongoing education, support and care for COPD and asthma," says Wendy Robb, Health Program Director at Douglas Memorial Site. "We are very pleased to provide this service to residents of this area while at the same time provide them with one-stop access to laboratory and diagnostic services at the site."

"As the new provider of this clinic in the community, we hope to help people with chronic lung disease and asthma improve their quality of life and also reduce the number of hospitalizations," says Wendy.

"This is an excellent example of how we can deliver the health services our residents need by working together with all of our healthcare partners to find solutions and leverage opportunities," says mayor Doug Martin.

"Chronic lung disease is prevalent in our town, and this clinic will provide essential medical care to both young and old."

The clinic will be located on the main floor, adjacent to the Urgent Care Centre. Minor renovations will be taking place over the next several months. Patients require referral by a physician.

Budget process begins

The new local council is starting the year by getting right down to business, as it kicked off budget discussions Wednesday night at Town Hall.

After a presentation from the Town's director of financial services Helen Chamberlain, staff and council discussed the 2011 budget and five-year forecast and later received a report to approve an amount of $9,121,002.

The largest project in the 2011 budget is $3.1 million required in addition to the $2.4 million previously approved for the completion of phase one and two of the Garrison Road Sanitary Sewers. In the report, and from many comments made by town staff at the meeting, this investment is necessary to permit commercial and residential growth along Garrison Road and to the north.

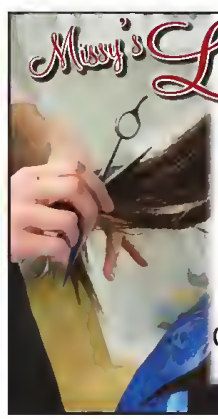
There is still room for alterations to the budget as council moves through the approval process, as some councillors did have concerns over some of the items included.

Other drainage and sanitary sewer projects around town were some of the major items given first approval such as the Beaver Creek municipal drain for $280,000.

Improvements to station no. 4 in Ridgeway and the replacement of some equipment and vehicles for the fire department, a water meter replacement program for $400,000 and a new roof at the Gibson Centre for $240,000 are a few other projects being proposed in the budget.

Council will still have to approve another report and by-law to officially endorse its capital budget. The next meeting is the water and sewer operating budget on Feb. 9, followed by one for the Fort Erie Public Library and Fort Erie Economic Development and Toursim Corporation on Feb. 16.

The departmental operating budget will be discussed on Mar. 2.



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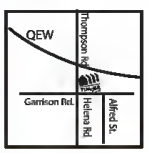

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January

The community started the year by supporting a motion for an inquest into the death of Reilly Anzovino, who died as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 3 on Boxing Day. The motion was made by Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor.

The local community came together to support the nation of Haiti after a devastating earthquake hit the Caribbean nation. Many efforts were made to assist the local Haitian community.

Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath visits the Douglas Memorial site for a press conference, challenging the Niagara Health System and Local Health Integration Networks.

Ann-Marie Noyes, Stevensville's councillor for Ward 6, announces she will be running for mayor in the October election.

February

The Peace Bridge Authority holds open houses on both sides of the border, gathering public input on five design concepts for its expansion project.

A group called the Fort Erie Waterfront Preservation Association is formed and sets out to challenge the Town's plans to build a 12-storey condominium building on the south side of Erie Road at Bay Beach.

The Canadian Motor Speedway completes another lap, after the Niagara Region approved the Town's amendment to its own official plan.

The Ministry of Health kicked in $14 million in base funding for the Niagara Health System to implement the hospital improvement plan and to address base funding shortfalls.

Facilities manager Shaun Hutton at the Crystal Ridge Arena, after many improvements such as a new floor and boards were installed in January.

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Fort Erie Public Library
Centennial Branch
Gilmore Rd., Fort Erie
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Crystal Ridge Branch
89 Ridge Rd., Ridgeway
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Stevensville Branch
Stevensville Rd.
905-382-2051

1892
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.
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1895
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Fort Erie
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Ontario PC leader and Fort Erie native Tim Hudak at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in April, where he said he would have the emergency room re-opened if he is elected Premier.

March

The Crystal Beach Gateway project is given its final approval at the municipal level, before later being appealed through the Ontario Municipal Board.

Ontario's chief coroner announces an inquest into the death of Reilly Anzovino will be conducted but no date is provided.

Fort Erie Big Brothers Big Sisters comes up just short of its $40,000 goal for its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake campaign, bringing in $37,600.

People involved in the horse racing industry start setting up for another season at the Fort Erie Racetrack.

It is announced that the provincial and federal governments would be combining for almost $9 million in funding for a new visitor's centre at the Old Fort.

April

Mayor Doug Martin, also a regional councillor, motions for a reconstruction of the regional level of government in Niagara. He suggests trimming down to 19 members from 31.

Ontario PC leader Tim Hudak visits Douglas Memorial Hospital for a press conference, saying the Local Health Integration Network model needs to be eliminated and promised local residents he would he would have the emergency room re- opened at the local healthcare facility if he is elected Premier.

The community its support for the Adult Literacy Council and the annual gala and auction at the Leisureplex.

The Fort Erie Fire Department holds its annual awards banquet, handing out hardware to many dedicated firefighters.

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REBSTOCK'S INSURANCE OFFICE
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905-894-2974

1942
Jones, Jamieson & Redekop
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1949
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• Additions & Garages
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1951
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1952
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May

Live racing returns for another season at the Fort Erie Racetrack. This would kick-off the 113th season at the border oval.

Rick Cowan is introduced as the chief operating officer at the Fort Erie Racetrack.

The Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen holds its first annual home show at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre.

The "Let's Make It Happen" fundraiser is held for Dog Guides and in honour of Rob Parker, a local resident who passed away earlier in the year.

Mayor Doug Martin announces he will be running again in the October election.

June

The Niagara Prosperity Initiative invests $300,000 into Fort Erie's north end, providing more programs and services for youth in the area.

The former CNR diesel shop is taken over by the Niagara Railway Museum.

Many businesses in Ridgeway notice declining sales, due to the Ridge Road Reconstruction Project, that would result in many infrastructure improvements to the area.

Council sets aside $100,000 to defend the Town's case at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing that would take place later in the year.

It is announced that Our Lady of Victory Catholic School will be offering full-day kindergarten classes in 2011.

Runners coming out of the gate at the annual Dash n' Splash event, that raises money for the Kinsmen Pool.

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1967
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1969
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Green Acres Service
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1970
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905-871-0818

1970
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Bicycles & Vacuums
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905-871-PART (7278)

1971
Marr Electric
Motor Service
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1974
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Fort Erie
905-871-6737

1974
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1975
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Jacob Hoggard, of Hedley, singing to the crowd at the Friendship Festival in July.

July

The 24th annual Friendship Festival takes place with the usual midway, live music and rides. Headlining the concert series this year, was Hedley.

Trevor Parkes, a Fort Erie native, is invited to join the Detroit Red Wings' off-season camp. He later signed a deal with the team.

The Peace Bridge Authority chooses the three-span arch design concept for its expansion project.

'Golden Moka" wins the Prince of Wales Stakes Race at the Fort Erie Racetrack. The horse is partially owned by former NHL great Denis Savard.

August

The collection of dolls and miniature houses inside the Mahoney's Dolls House Gallery is put on the auction block.

Special Olympian Terry Sampson brings home a gold medal for his accomplishments in bowling.

The Fort Erie Meteors name Clint Strachan its new head coach.

The Fort Erie Music Fest rocks out at Waterfront Park in Crystal Beach, with many local acts performing.

The Ontario Ombudsman releases his scathing report on the amount of public input used by the HNHB LHIN when implementing the NHS's hospital improvement plan.

Human remains are found by a crew installing a gas line on Point Abino Road.

The annual siege weekend is held at the Old Fort.

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620 Industrial Drive, Fort Erie
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905-894-1122

1978
Equine Forgings Ltd.
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1978
722 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway
The Williams Funeral Home
905-894-1161
www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

1980
Sun Life Financial
David C. Randall, CLU, RHU, RFC
Insurance and Financial Services
Fort Erie
e-mail: david.randall@sunlife.com
905-871-1492

1981
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1767 Pettit Road, Fort Erie
905-871-1663

1981
J. Muro Plumbing & Heating Ltd.
1062 Garrison Road, Fort Erie
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John's Ridgeway General Store
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1984
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Mckay Dentistry Professional Corporation
170 Ridge Road, Ridgeway
905-894-5555

1985
Big Brothers and Sisters
20 Lewis Street, Fort Erie
905-871-8836

September

The skeleton count in Point Abino climbs to ten, after forensic crews and archaeologists spend several days at the site in Point Abino.

The Fort Erie Meteors honoured the life of Andy Passero at a ceremony prior to a home game at the Leisureplex.

Casa El Norte, a place for newly-landed immigrants to get their life in Canada started, celebrates its 20-year anniversary with many dignitaries joining in on the celebrations.

Two all candidates nights are held, where the public heard speeches from individuals running in the municipal election.

Local firefighter Rob Puttick makes international headlines for his bravery, pulling a woman from a burning vehicle.

October

The quarter horse program at the Fort Erie Racetrack kicks off.

St. Michael's Catholic Church celebrates its 100-year anniversary.

A bench in honour of Reilly Anzovino is placed along the waterfront near the Old Fort.

The Ridgeway Fall Festival takes place on Ridge Road, with plenty of activities for the whole family.

The annual Crystal Beach 5K Walk and Run is held.

Voters went to the polls, electing four new councillors and mayor Doug Martin for a second term, by a narrow four-vote margin.

Friends of Reilly Anzovino throwing roses into Lake Erie in her honour, after a bench was placed in her name near the Old Fort.

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1987
Garrison
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November

An electronic recount of ballots cast in the mayoral race is conducted at the Leisureplex, with mayor Doug Martin coming out on top with five votes instead of the four he originally won by on Oct. 25.

A hearing conducted by the Ontario Municipal Board into the Crystal Beach Gateway Project is held at Town Hall.

Both local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, along with many local schools, hold Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The annual Santa Claus Parade is held in the historic Bridgeburg area.

Local resident Bill Brunton files for a second recount through the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

December

The new council kicks off its term with an inaugural meeting at the Leisureplex.

The CTV comedy-series "Dan for Mayor" sets up shop in town for a few days, filming an episode at the Old Fort.

The World Junior Hockey Championships are held in Buffalo, with many fans crossing through Fort Erie at the Peace Bridge.

Town council votes in favour of keeping mayor Doug Martin on the Niagara Parks Commission board, despite a request from the minister of tourism for him to step down from the position.

The community comes together for many fundraising initiatives to benefit local food banks around Christmas.

St. Nick waves to the camera, along Central Avenue, at the annual Santa Claus Parade.

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2001
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2002
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2002
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Darren Flagg, Funeral Director

2003
Jesse & Kelly's
No Frills
1135 Thompson Road, Fort Erie

2003
Gord's Fort Erie Driving School
3860 Dominion Road, Ridgeway
905-894-9041

2004
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Putting food in the budget

Kris Dubé
The Times

Imagine not knowing if there will be enough food on the table for your family next week.

Unfortunately, this is something many local residents have to worry about and for one week many individuals will be putting themselves in this situation.

The Put Food in the Budget Food Bank Challenge, organized by Bridges Community Health Centre (CHC), kicked off this week, with over 30 people participating.

> **"This experience will hopefully push people into the advocacy role."**
> *—Rhonda Barron*

Gary King, principal of General Vanier Public School collecting his hamper for the Put Food in the Budget Challenge, organized by the Bridges Community Health Centre, with community and family services manager Donna Paterson.

This means they have to live off food that someone who uses a food bank would eat and there strict rules that those taking the challenge will have to abide by.

You can only eat meals prepared from contents in the food bank hamper they picked up at the Salvation Army on Gilmore Road. Eating at restaurants is not permitted and no food or drinks can be consumed at social gatherings.

"If you are at a family gathering, dinner party or public event, you will need to say 'no' to other food," says a list of rules provided to participants.

Health promoter at the Bridges CHC Rhonda Barron said the initiative is an authentic experience where people get an idea of what it is like to come to a food bank and depend on it so much. She expects it to be a real eye opener for those who step up to the challenge.

"This experience will hopefully push people into the advocacy role," said Barron.

She said the community needs a better understanding of how many people out there who struggle everyday and projects like this are a great way to open that awareness.

"We need to reduce social and economic disparities and this is about moving people into action," she said.

On Wednesday, anyone who was involved can participate in a post-challenge gathering to give their thoughts on how it went and what they got out of the initiative.

"It will be a chance for everyone to come together and share their experiences," she said.

Gary King, the principal of General Vanier Public School was one of the people who decided to step up and put himself at someone else's kitchen table.

He said he knows how much of a blue collar community Fort Erie is and wanted to take the challenge to help the cause.

"I know there are a lot of families in Fort Erie who are finding it difficult to make ends meet," said King who pointed out that he and his wife usually donate 15 to twenty dollars worth of food to the collection bin at the local grocery store in his hometown of Welland, every time they go shopping.

"This is temporary for me, but it's not so temporary for the kids and families that have to live this way from day-to-day," said King.

Donna Paterson, community and family services manager at the Salvation Army, says this is a great program that will hopefully raise awareness about how many people there are in Fort Erie who depend on local food banks for meals on a regular basis. Partnering with the CHC is a great step in her opinion, promoting programs such as this one.

"It's good for us to partner with community groups that want to get an idea of the reality of our clients who live on a diet of canned food," said Paterson.

She said the need is so great with some people, they often rely on the emergency food bank at the Army on top of pantries like Community Outreach Program Erie at the same time.

"They're needing to come to another food bank," she said.

Overall, she is pleased so many people signed up for the challenge and is eager to hear the stories when it is competed next week.

"It's encouraging there are people in the community that are willing to step out of their comfort zone," said Paterson.

The Salvation Army food bank is located on Gilmore Road.

Ducks need a home too

The Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks (FOFEC) is introducing a new conservation initiative that will see habitat added in and around local creeks.

This is the Greater Fort Erie Duck Nesting Box sale, where residents and businesses can sign up to provide a warm home for wildlife, right in their own backyard.

The nesting boxes need maintenance and many need replacing so instead of asking for donations to purchase the boxes, FOFEC has decided to make them on their own and allow businesses and residents to "sponsor" a nesting box for the approximate cost of materials.

Only 20 sponsored wood duck nesting boxes will be made available. Additional boxes can be purchased and brought home with proceeds going to FOFEC initiatives.

You may only sponsor one box. The local conservation group wants more people to appreciate the health of local creeks and wetlands where wood ducks raise their young. For $25 or a donation of a homemade box FOFEC will hang your sponsored box in a predetermined location. With your permission it will be labelled with your name and FOFEC will send an annual report with a picture and GPS coordinate to your email. Most boxes will be placed in view so that they can be viewed with binoculars from the road or trailside.

You may take your purchase home for $50 with all proceeds going to FOFEC initiatives. Screech owls, squirrels and other wild life also enjoy the raising their offspring in the duck nesting boxes, says FOFEC member Dan Andrews.

But the entrance to the box is sized so predators cannot cause any problems.

"It's a deep enough cavity, they feel comfortable enough laying their eggs in there," said Andrews.

He said it can be difficult for wildlife to find a cozy place in the woods to spend the winter, especially with so much development taking place in Greater Fort Erie.

"Ideal nesting habitat is kind of disappearing, so this really helps," he said.

To order one of the very few boxes still remaining, call the FOFEC office at (905) 871-3050 or Andrews at (905) 994-7684.

Mike Hebbourn, of Niagara Automotive, receiving his duck nesting box from Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks member Dan Andrews this week.

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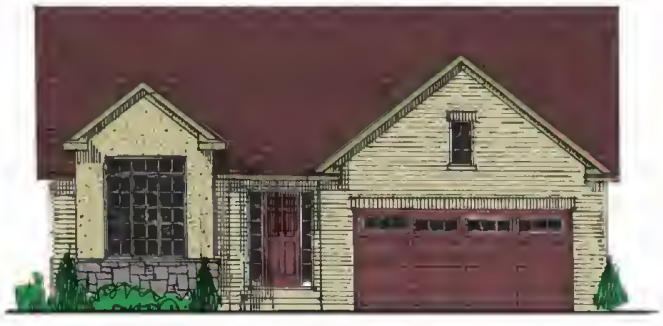

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Hudak reflects on 2010, looks ahead to election

Kris Dubé
The Times

The provincial election is less than a year away and Ontario PC leader is looking forward for some big changes.

Tim Hudak, a Fort Erie native who is seeking the province's top spot is hoping to dethrone his competition, that is the Liberal government headed by current premier Dalton McGuinty.

He says McGuinty has let the people of Ontario down and has created too much of a burden for residents, using high taxes and cuts to hospitals as an example.

"We're focusing on services that people care about and need, like frontline health care," said Hudak.

The contender for premier is hoping to have legislation passed at Queen's Park, that would create the Truth in Government Act. If this legislation is created, it would allow for more accountability and transparency within the provincial government, obligating officials to post travel expenses and details about government contracts online.

"This is groundbreaking legislation that will hold our public officials accountable for how they spend taxpayers' dollars," said Hudak in a phone interview with the Times.

He said this will be a way for residents to keep an eye out on how their money is being distributed, something they should be entitled to do, in his opinion.

"This will turn every family into a watchdog on how their provincial government operates," said Hudak.

Reflecting on 2010, Hudak said it was a great year with a lot of momentum gained.

There are 36 candidates associated with the party that have been endorsed in their respective ridings, which he feels is important to note.

"I don't think any party has had this many candidates ready and organized this early," he said.

He is grateful for the three candidates that put their names in the hat for the Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake riding... two of whom were from his hometown.

"I thank Sandy Annunziata and Arlene White for their strong interest in making change for the province," he said.

George Lepp, of Niagara-on-the-Lake was the successful candidate, chosen by party members.

He encourages people to visit www.haveyoursayontario.ca to provide suggestions on what they would like to see accomplished by the PC party and its platform.

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by Alaina Hillier, M Cl Sc
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New research holds out hope that scientists may someday be able to help hearing-impaired individuals supplement their hearing with their sense of touch. Scientists have found that the senses not only work together, but they can override one another. In essence, this means people can see with their ears, hear with their eyes, or hear with their touch. With lip-reading as an example of this sensory phenomenon, it is easier to understand that scientists were able to help individuals better identify sound by reinforcing certain sounds with a puff of air on their skin. It is hoped that this finding may be used to translate a speaker's voice into tactile signals that can help hearing-impaired individuals to hear.

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Snowmobiles raising concern

Kris Dubé
The Times

Rules and regulations on the use of snowmobiles around town are limited.... and some people feel this needs to change.

During the winter months, many local residents are familiar with the roars of the machines in both rural and urban areas.

John White, a Lewis Street resident agrees the vehicles have many uses that can benefit others, referring to how they can and have been used in storms locally to assist with rescue efforts. But when he can't walk his dog at night without being concerned for his own safety or sees snowmobile operators driving over his wife's perennial garden, he feels something needs to be done.

"I understand that not all snowmobilers are uncaring types of people and can argue that in times of blizzards, they can provide help for folks who are trapped, but snowmobiles are really for the great open spaces, not for village and town streets," said White.

Another concerned resident is Nicole Greaves, who coincidentally lives close to White, on the Niagara Parkway, between Lewis and Wintemute Streets.

She says on two separate and recent occasions, she had to climb a snow bank at the last second, also while walking her dog, to avoid a collision with a snowmobiler who she felt had no intention of slowing down. Greaves, like a handful of other residents who have contacted the Times on this matter, feels a more strict policy needs to be put in place before something serious occurs.

"There needs to be some kind of standard set so that walking my dog isn't a game of snowmobile chicken," she said.

Debbi Flemington, a resident of Kraft Road who frequently walks along the Friendship Trail during the winter, understands that snowmobilers don't set out into the night to disturb people's sleep or purposely frighten them by whipping by so close to them, but it's a matter of the laws that are in place. All along the trail, signs read "no motorized vehicles," which should be the first reason why they should take their hobby to a more appropriate area in her opinion.

"Maybe these people can't read, but the pictures on the signs should be more than sufficient," she said.

She knows there are many that do abide by the rules and have never caused any problems for anyone during their years involved with the sport and hopes others will learn from them and stay away from areas where riding is prohibited.

"It's not all snowmobilers but the inconsiderate ones give them all a bad rap," she said.

In February 2006, a report was considered by council to enforce stricter rules on snowmobilers in urban areas and on highways, but was defeated after the benefits of the vehicles in storm situations ultimately prevailed in the end decision.

Provincial law states that snowmobiles cannot exceed speeds of 50 kilometres per hour on trails designated for their use. On roads where the speed limit for full-sized vehicles is 50 kilometres or less, snowmobiles must keep their speed to 20 kilometres or less.

On roads where the speed limit is more than 50 kilometres, a 20 kilometre per hour limit is in place.

The Town of Fort Erie's current by-law states that a snowmobile cannot be driven between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Geoff Stevenson, the Town's co-ordinator of by-law enforcement says it can be a challenge to interfere with those who do not abide by the rules for a number of reasons. Limited manpower and equipment are factors he said, also pointing out that the Niagara Regional Police are often contacted to visit areas where complaints come from.

Most of the time, by the time police arrive on scene, the accused have already sped off out of reach.

"It's a very difficult by-law to enforce," said Stevenson.

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Pharmaceutical plant negotiating with potential buyer

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency

A Quebec-based pharmaceutical company is in negotiations with a potential buyer, which could keep more than 200 manufacturing jobs in town.

"There's a potential buyer out there. He's very interested," said Jacques Bibeau, of Pharmetics Inc. "We're in negotiations with him, discussions with him, to see if we can make a deal."

The future of the Jarvis St. facility, a leading maker of herbal products, vitamins and consumer products, was put into question in October when the company notified employees of plans to close unless a buyer could be found.

> **"There's a potential buyer out there. He's very interested."**
>
> *— Jacques Bibeau*

In a letter addressed to employees in October, which was obtained by The Niagara Falls Review, company officials said because of current market conditions in pharmaceutical contract manufacturing, the company has not been able to maintain or gain new business at a sustainable level.

"Doing contract manufacturing, our main clients are in the U.S.," Bibeau told The Review Thursday. "Our orders from the U.S. have dropped dramatically (because of the current state of the Canadian dollar)."

Since the announcement, company officials have worked to find the right buyer for the plant to ensure security for employees and the overall operation.

Bibeau, the company's vice-president of human resources, said although no deal has been reached, progress has been made.

"It's good news and every employee was notified about this around Christmas," he said.

While the company has occasional temporary layoffs, Bibeau said he can't see any permanent layoffs in the foreseeable future.

"It's business as usual for the present time."

Pharmetics, which is based in Laval, Que., purchased the Fort Erie plant and a sister operation in Burlington four years ago from Patheon Inc. in a deal worth $5.75 million.

The Fort Erie facility began operations in 1974 under the name Custom Pharmaceuticals.

In 2001, the plant received $2.3 million worth of upgrades to put it in a position to take advantage of the market for products in tablet form.

Currently, the Fort Erie operation produces and packages tablets, liquid creams and enzyme-b ased products in around 60 product lines for about 10 clients.

Gordon Falconer, a spokesman for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 171, said the union is negotiating with the existing employer to protect unionized workers, whether or not a new buyer is found.

"We are in bargaining with the employer to negotiate an agreement that will look at two things -- the existing workforce in the event the buyer falls through we can negotiate an agreement for the protection of the existing workers, to include the severance, termination pay and benefi ts," said Falconer.

"The employer wants to have an extension (of) the existing collective agreement so the new buyer, if found, can take over with the existing collective agreement, which is what we call successor rights under the law."

IAMAW represents 168 unionized workers at Pharmetics' Fort Erie plant. Falconer said the plant employs around 240 people, when non-union personnel is taken into account.

"We, as the union, are hopeful that a new buyer can be brought forward because the community will be affected," said Falconer.

He said the union has not been told who the potential buyer is. "All (the company has) said is someone in Canada is seriously interested."

Mayor Doug Martin said Jim Thibert, general manager of Fort Erie's Economic Development and Tourism Corporation, has been working with the company to find "several, credible leads."

"We want to maintain Pharmetics here and keep all the jobs in town," said Martin. "We'll do whatever possible to keep them here."

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Brick

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Bouquet

To everyone who participated in a Yoga Workshop fundraiser for the local SPCA. You helped make the event a wonderful success.

Brick

To a local restaurant and gas station that either mixes up my order or forgets to prepare it after I pre-ordered it. The food is delicious but the service I continue to get there leaves a very sour taste in my mouth.

Bouquet

To everyone who participated in the annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Challenge last weekend. It takes a brave type of person to do it and all of you deserve a pat on the back. After you dry off of course.

Brick

To snowplow operators who don't turn on their blue light, something you are obligated to do in the trade. Many of them do have it glowing when they are clearing a parking lot or driveway, but some don't and it's hard to tell whether or not they are backing up, or on the job.

Bouquet

To the new council who seems to be working rather well with one another so far. We all know there are a few differences of opinion on some issues, but it appears everyone is getting along at this point.

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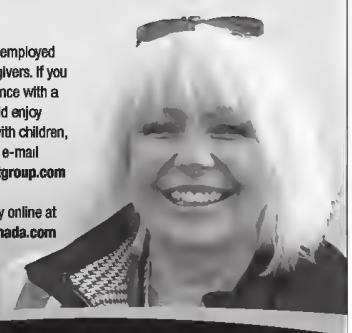

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Dated this 4th day of January, 2011.

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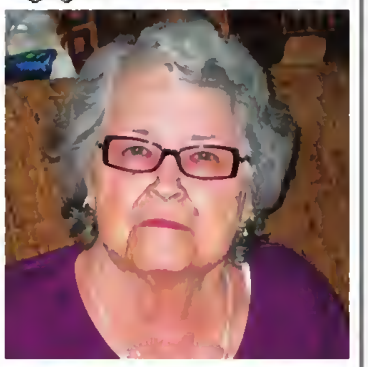

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will ba hald Sunday, January 23, 2011 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at tha Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71, 130 Garrison Road, Fort Erie
Please, best wishes only.

Deaths

DAVISON, Pearl - On Wednesday January 12, 2011 Pearl passed away peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 82 years. Loving mother of David Davison of Ridgeway and the late Janet Klauck. Beloved sister of Anne Kozak. Pearl will be fondly remembered by her family and many friends. Friends may call at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME** 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Sunday. A service to celebrate Pearl's life will be held on Monday morning at 11 o'clock at Williams Funeral Home. Donations in mamory of Paarl may ba mada to a charity of choica. On-lina guast ragistar at www.williamsfunaralhoma.ca
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DYMON, Alberta Margaret - Passed away peacefully while surrounded by family at Maple Park Lodge Fort Erie on Wednesday January 12th, 2011 at the age of 77. Beloved mother of Wayne (Bee) Wheatcroft and Wendy (Steve) McLaren. Dear sister of Larry and Brian (Betty) Priestman and Joan Dixon. Cherished grandmother of Kristin and great grandmother of Nickolas. She will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends, many of whom she's met through Ontario Jockey Club and the Royal Le Page. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Bannar Ava., Fort Eria antrusted with arrangamants. Cramation has takan place. A privata calabration of lifa will ba hostad by tha family at a data and tima to ba announcad. Special thanks to Dr. Cha and the professional and compassionata staff at Maple Park Lodge.
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HONEY, Robert - At the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday, January 7, 2011 in his 80th year. Beloved husband of the late Anne (2008). Dear father of Donald & his wife Helga of Fort Erie and Glenn of St. Catharines. He will be missed by his grandchildren Kristin, Brian and Kara, sisters Metta Grimmell and Gwen Curtis and brother David Honey (Carol). Bob was a retired Canada Customs Officer and a member of the Fort Erie Lions Club. He was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award and the Helen Keller Fellowship Award. Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would ba appreciatad by tha family and may be arrangad through tha **NIAGARA ST. CHAPEL of BUTLER FUNERAL HOME**, St. Catharinas (905) 646-6322.
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Deaths

LEADLAY, Elva S (Cormack) - Elva passed away at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Monday, January 10th, 2011 Beloved wife of Douglas. Proud mother of Gordon Cormack, Audrey (Dan Comrie) Cormack, Shirley Ann (Brian) Teal, Cynthia (Joe) Thebaud, Cheryl (Michael) O'Hara and Judy (Jeff) MacLean. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Jason (Kathie), Kate (Dean) Amanda (Greg), Sarah (Jason), Rebecca Nicole, Marc, Morgan, Samantha, Kasey Sheri (Chad) and great grandchildrar Rykar, Amanda-Raa, Adam, Claira, Natalia Josaph and Madison. Also survivad by ha brothar Kan (Dorothy) Harris and sista Bonnia (Morlay) Aitkan. Sha will ba fondly ramembarad by tha mambars of the Leadlay family her step sons Sandy (Irene) Leadlay and Brian (Linda) Leadlay grandchildren Donna, Mamie (Larry) and great granddaughter Brianna, her extended family and friends. Predeceased by her first husband Clark Cormack (1988), and infant daughter Arlene. The family received friends at **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie on Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Services were held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment followed in Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. If so desired donations to the Sherkston United Church or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.
12179664

MATURANI, Giovanni Battista Unexpectedly on Friday, January 7th, at the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie in his 89th year. Loving husband of Teresa Proud father of Anna (Sandy) McQuistor and Louie Maturani. Cherished Nonno of Megan. Sadly missed by his brothers in law Lou (Jean) Cardilli, Biagio (Paola) Cardilli and sister in law Vincenzina (Alfred) Cardilli Also survived by his extended family and many friends in Canada, the USA and Italy Predeceased by his brothers and sisters Natale, Giulio and Clementina. Giovanni was a lifelong employee of CNR, retiring in 1985 after over 40 years of service. A member of the Knights of Columbus and the Italo Canadian Club of Fort Eria. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Bannar Ava. Fort Eria antrustad with arrangamants. The family will racaiva friands on Monday from 2-4 & 7-9. Funaral Mass will ba celabratad in St. Michaal's Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Vigil prayers will be offered in the Funeral Home on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment to follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Kidney Foundation or the Juravinski Cancer Centre would be appreciated by the family.
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Wa would also lika to say thank you to tha nursas at Douglas Mamorial Hospital and a special thank you to Dr Schar for his wondarful cara.

Thank you to Fathar Randy for tha baautiful service and to Darren at Benner's Funeral Home for his professionalism and guidance during this time. Thank you to Maria's Catering and to Madison's Pub for a place to gather with family and friends to share our memories.

Mom, "Every day in some small way,
Memories of you come our way,
Though Absent, You are ever near,
Still Missed, Still Loved and Ever Dear"

Sincerely,
Pat and Cathy
Cheryl and Ted and Families.

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Tha night you passed away
Our haarts wara tom in two
One side, filled with memories
The other died with you.
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Dear Mom, Dad, John, Diana and John
I spent my first Christmas in Heaven

I see countless Christmas trees
around tha world balow,
with tiny lights, lika haavans stars,
raflecting on tha snow.
The sight is so spectacular,
please wipe away that tear,
for I am spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I haar tha many Christmas songs
that paopla hold so daar,
but the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you,
the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description
to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss ma.
I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away.
We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones,
You know I hold you dear.
and be glad I'm spending
Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift,
from my heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory,
of my undying love.
After all, "Love is the gift,
more precious than pure gold."
It was always most important
in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other,
as my Father said to do.
for I can't count the blessings,
or love He has for you.

So, have a Merry Christmas
and wipe away the tears.
Remember, I'm spending
Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Lova, avary day of tha yaar.
To my daarast family and friands, Dan

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To have them here in the same old way,
Would be our graatest wish today.

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O blinded eyes that cannot see thy face,
O empty arms that cannot hold thee near.

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In memoriam

In memory of Darlene Beam,
1st Birthday in Heaven, Happy 64th.
If tears could build a pathway or memories a lane. I'd run right up to heaven to be with you again. I know God's love surrounds you and my love lingers on.
God Bless You. Praise the Lord.
Allen Beam

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KY OAKLEY
In mamory of a daar fathar
who passed away January 15, 1989.
A page in the book on memory
Silently tums today.
A part of our heart you took with you,
But your love you left us to keep.
We will never really be parted,
For the bond between us is too deep.
Lovingly remembered by
Roy, Sandy & Ken.

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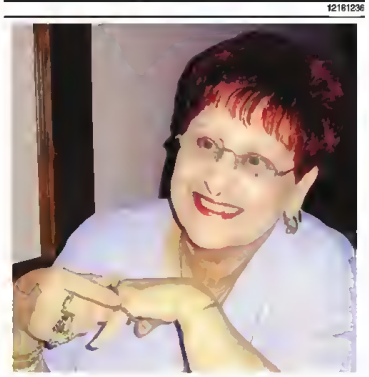

Margaret (Peggy) Carter
Past her suffering, past her pain.
Cease to weep for tears are vain,
She who suffered is at rest,
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and family.
"Till we meet again"

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A page in our book of memories
Is silently turned today.

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As angals kaap their watch up thare,
Please, God, just let her know
That we down here do not forget,
We loved and miss her so.

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His memory is as dear today
As in the hour he passed away.

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